(SRI B. R. SUNTHANKAR)

certain cases, it is stated that preliminary remarks from the Mysore Government are not available. I want to know whether this means that this Government has not supplied full and proper information to the Commission. May I know what is it due to, whether it is due to negligence or oversight?

SRI S. NIJALINGAPPA.—All available information has been given. I do not think anything more is necessary. If they ask, we are going to give it.

DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—To my previous question, the Hon'ble the Chief Minister was pleased to say that no radical changes had been suggested. May I know if any change has been suggested and if so, what they are?

SRI S. NIJALINGAPPA.—It is difficult for me to answer now. Let the Hon'ble Member put another question.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Clash among the Workers of the New Karnatak Mills, Hubli.

Q.—155. SRI F. H. MOHSIN (Hubli City).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there was a clash among the workers of the New Karnatak Mills, Hubli, on 31st March 1958, due to its closure;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that twelve persons received injuries in the clash;

(*c*) the action they have taken to prevent the closure of the Mills?

A.—SRI C. M. POONACHA (Minister for Home Affairs and Industries).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A recommendation has been made to the Central Government to extend the Licence to work the Mills as Power Loom Factory.

SRI F. H. MOHSIN.—May I know the reasons for this clash?

*SRI C. M. POONACHA.—Certain sections of the Mill were closed and consequently certain number of labourers was laid off and they were not provided with any work when they went to the mill premises. Consequently, there was a clash.

SRI F. H. MOHSIN.—Were there any deaths during that clash?

SRI C. M. POONACHA.—No Sir, some minor injuries were sustained.

SRI F. H. MOHSIN.—May I know the date of the recommendation of this State Government?

SRI C. M. POONACHA.—We have made several representations in this regard and that is a question which I am not able immediately to reply. But personally, when I had been to Delhi, I took up the matter with the Ministry concerned and represented this fact, and also in writing, we have forwarded recommendations of this Government.

SRI F. H. MOHSIN.—May I know whether the Mill is still closed or whether it is now working?

SRI C. M. POONACHA.—Some parts of the weaving section is closed. Not the entire mill.

SRI F. H. MOHSIN.—May I know when the decision of the Central Government will be taken?

SRI C. M. POONACHA.—That is a matter entirely resting with the Central Government and I am unable to give a specific answer in that regard.

SRI F. H. MOHSIN.—Will the State Government pursue the matter and press the Central Government to take a decision as early as possible?

SRI C. M. POONACHA.—We have done all that is necessary and now it rests with the Government of India to take a decision.

SRI C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know the reason for the clash among the workers there, Sir?

SRI C. M. POONACHA.—My friend was perhaps not hearing my answer to the first question. I have answered that question.

SRI F. H. MOHSIN.—How many workers have been thrown out of employment due to this closure, Sir?

SRI C. M. POONACHA.—First time, I think about 300 of them. I do not have the latest figures. I cannot say definitely how many have been denied work subsequently. But at the time

that accident took place, the number was 300.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Has it been ascertained as to whether the closure was due to *bona fide* or *mala fide* reasons ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—The point is, certain section of the mill was closed due to the fact that they were not recognised as power loom units because it was a composite mill. In these Mills, there was a fire accident and consequently certain types of machinery got destroyed. The Government of India as a special case treated this weaving section as a powerloom unit and not as a composite unit, and allowed a period of two or three years. Now that period is over. By that time, the mill was expected to rehabilitate. But due to the paucity of foreign exchange, they could not get the necessary machinery and the Government withdrew the concession which they had extended to the power loom units. This is all the trouble. No *mala fide* opinion is indicated in any form.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Have the workers been paid any compensation under the Industrial Disputes Act ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—I am not quite certain, Sir. All these things must have been done.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Have the Mills any proposal to provide alternative employment to the labourers ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—That question may be examined. That is all, I would say.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Construction of the Upper Krishna Project.

Q.—3928. Sri V. KUMAR NAIK (Shorapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the survey of the Upper Krishna Project has been completed ;

(*b*) if so, the location of the Project ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the original site contemplated for the said project has been changed ;

(*d*) if so, the changed place and the reasons for so changing ;

(*e*) the area proposed to be brought under irrigation as per original survey ;

(*f*) the area that would be brought under irrigation as the result of the revised survey ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) No; investigation surveys are in progress.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) Do

(*d*) Do

(*e*) 5·50 lakhs acres.

(*f*) The exact extent can be known after the surveys are completed.

Sri V. KUMAR NAIK.—When was the survey work started and where ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—The survey division was created in the month of February 1957—last year.

Sri V. KUMAR NAIK.—May I know the places where the survey was started ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—The Upper-Krishna and Bheema Project area. The survey is not in one place. It is under progress.

Sri V. KUMAR NAIK.—What is the number of persons carrying on this survey work ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Sir, I said that a whole division had been created. A division generally consists of 3 sub-divisions, sometimes 4, and sometimes only 2. All the necessary paraphernalia for a division has been given. I may also give the number. One Executive Engineer, 3 Assistant Engineers, 15 Surveyors, 21 Sub-overseers, 4 Tracers, 2 Second Division Clerks, 3 Second Grade Typists, 2 Daffedars, 42 peons and laskars.

Sri V. KUMAR NAIK.—Do any of them belong to Hyderabad Karnatak ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—It is very difficult for me to answer this question, Sir.